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FOR HOWARD WALKER AF/W

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, PFOR, OVIP, NI

SUBJECT: VISIT OF J.S. TARKA TO US

REF: KADUNA 598

1. I STRONGLY SUGGEST WE NOT RPT NOT BECOME INVOLVED
IN ARRANGING ANY NON-BUSINESS CALLS FOR EX-COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSIONER TARKA ON HIS PROJECTED VISIT TO US (REFTEL)
UNLESS ASKED TO DO SO BY NIGERIAN EMBASSY.

2. AS EMBASSY AND CONSULATES HAVE REPORTED OVJER PAST
MONTH, "TARKA AFFAIR" IS MATTER OF GREAT POLITICAL
SENSITIVITY IN NIGERIA. SINCE TARKA HIMSELF IS NOW ACTIVE
CONTENDER FOR POLITICAL POWER AND INFLUENCE, WE MUST BE
CAREFUL TO AVOID ANY ACTIONS WHICH COULD BE CONSTRUED
LOCALLY AS SUPPORT FOR HIS CAUSE. AS PROMINENT PRIVATE
CITIZEN, TARKA IS CERTAINLY ENTITLED TO ALL COURTESIES
AND SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NORMALLY PROVIDES TO
VISITING BUSINESSMEN, BUT WE SHOULD NOT MAKE OTHER APPOINT-
MENTS HE SEEKS UNLESS REQUEST COMES THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS.

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3. HOPEFULLY, COORDINATION WITH NIGERIAN EMBASSY SUGGESTED
PARA 5 REFTEL WILL INDICATE DEGREE OF FMG BACKING WHICH
TARKA STILL ENJOYS AND MAKE CLEAR APPROPRIATE LIMITS TO OUR
FACILITATIVE SERVICES ON HIS BEHALF.
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